

CLAIMS

1. (Previously Amended) A decorative cover for a metal office furniture component having a physical feature, said cover comprising:

a magnetic sheet; and

a decorative layer laminated to said magnetic sheet to form a lamination dimensioned to cover the component substantially completely, said decorative layer selected from fabric, vinyl, leather, veneer, or laminate, said lamination defining an aperture positioned to be aligned with the physical feature when the lamination is mounted on the component.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Amended) The decorative cover as defined in claim 1 wherein said magnetic sheet is flexible.

4. through 10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Amended) A method for altering the appearance of a metal office furniture article having a plurality of components comprising the steps of:

providing a magnetic cover for each of the components, each cover having dimensions substantially the same as the dimensions of the corresponding component, each decorative cover having a decorative layer including at least one of fabric, vinyl, leather, veneer, or laminate;

aligning each cover with the corresponding component; and

allowing each aligned cover to magnetically adhere to the corresponding

component to substantially cover the entire component.

12. (Previously Amended) The method as defined in claim 11 wherein said providing step includes providing at least one of the covers with a cutout aligned with a physical feature of the corresponding component when the cover is aligned with the component.

13. (Previously Amended) A method of manufacturing a decorative cover for metal office furniture comprising the steps of:

laminating a decorative layer to a magnetic sheet to form a lamination, the decorative layer selected from the group of fabric, vinyl, leather, veneer, and laminate; and

cutting the lamination to desired overall dimensions for the cover.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Amended) The method as defined in claim 13 wherein said cutting step includes cutting cutouts in the lamination within the overall dimensions of the cover.

16. (Previously Amended) The method as defined in claim 13 wherein said cutting step includes at least one of laser cutting and die-cutting.

17. (New) An article of office furniture comprising:

a metal office furniture piece including a plurality of components each having dimensions; and

a plurality of magnetic decorative covers, each of said covers overlying and attached to one of said components, each of said covers having dimensions substantially the same as the dimensions of the component to which the cover is attached, each of said covers

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comprising a magnetic sheet and a decorative material selected from the group of fabric, vinyl, leather, veneer, and laminate.

18. (New) The article of office furniture in claim 5 wherein said magnetic sheet is flexible.

19. (New) The article of furniture as defined in claim 5 wherein one of said decorative covers defines a cutout providing an aesthetic appearance such as a logo.